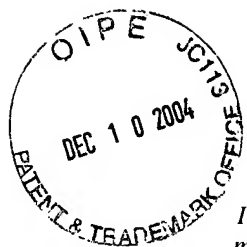


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December 7, 2004

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	22	20	2	2 x \$9.00	x \$18.00	18
Independent Claims	3	*3*	0	x \$44.00	x \$88.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$150.00	\$300.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						18
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 21 and 25						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"						

X _____ Attached is our check for \$18 to pay the fees calculated above.
_____ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

The PTO did not receive the following listed item(s) check for \$18.00

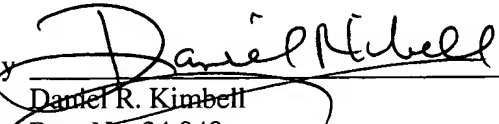
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X Other enclosures: Replacement Drawing Sheets (3); Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (3); Return Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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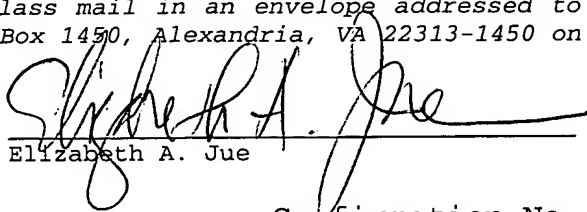
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of October 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 17 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

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Amdt date December 7, 2004

Reply to Office action of October 27, 2004

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawings figures is attached following page 22 of this paper.